



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church  
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**Weekly Newsletter**

**January 1, 2021**

Dear friends,

Welcome to the fortieth edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

**Video Services**

There will be no video services for January 3, giving the video staff a much-needed break. Video services will continue on January 10 every week until the end of lockdown and thereafter every other week.

Our Christmas services on YouTube have been well received. Our Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve had 161 views in the first week, with 87 different people watching it. Our Christmas Day Morning Prayer had 91 views with 52 different viewers. Our regular morning prayers have about 80 to 100 views with about 50 different people watching, although if there is something special (such as All Saints, Remembrance and Yvonne's Birthday), those numbers noticeably increase.

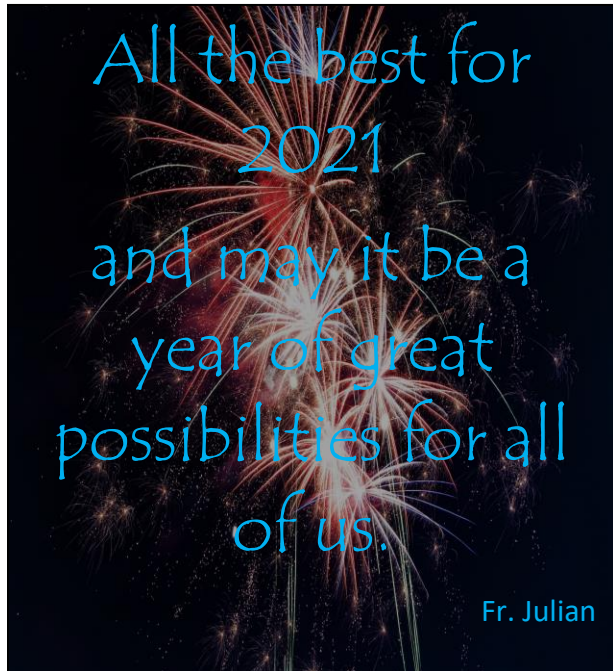
Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the video editing for this endeavour.

**Thank you**

Thank you to all who contributed: \$120 was sent to the PWRDF's All Mothers And Children Count program. This will become a donation of \$840 with the government matching program. \$60 was profit from the sale of church calendars and \$60 from the sale of chocolates. - Jennifer M Morphew.

**Reflection from Joan Hounsell**

On Sunday, December 27, Penny, Gillian, Judy and I took down the Christmas decorations in the church. We watered the poinsettias for the next recording on January 6 and sorted through the flowers for some to take home. At the same time we moved the Wise Men and their camels to the stable and



also added their images to the Christmas banner.

Personally, I felt a sense of sadness through this process. Once again, our church is in lockdown and we will not gather as a community for another month.

However, we are still the same family. We will keep in contact with one another as we have done since March and we will get through this. - Joan

**Video Backgrounds**

Whenever you see a particularly photogenic sight which you think would suit as a background, please feel free to share. Landscape pictures are the best. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. - Joy

**Sharing Coffee Hour**

If you would like to share a photo, a recipe of what you would have made for coffee hour and/or a short hello message with a few details of what you've been up to, then you are welcome to do so. The editor will not seek out people but would be happy to receive submissions.

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## Envelopes for 2021

If you would like envelopes or to change your monthly PAR, please contact Karen Roberts at [graniteseven@yahoo.ca](mailto:graniteseven@yahoo.ca). Envelopes will be available at the church for pickup. However, your envelope number will be the same as 2020. You can just put your offering in a plain envelope and write the number on – or we can always look it up.

## News from River Ward

2021 is a new Budget year for the City of Ottawa. A number of local projects will be financed, including, but not limited to the following: (edited for relevance)

- As part of the Trillium Line LRT Phase 2, construction of a new pedestrian/cycling Rideau River Bridge (connecting Vincent Massey Park with Carleton University), Mooney's Bay Station upgrades, construction of new Walkley Station
- Pathway (winter) plowing in Mooney's Bay Park, minor upgrades later in the year to add bike parking and wayfinding signage
- Final Design for the Mooney's Bay Pavilion rebuild, including a permanent washroom at the Canada 150 playground and new vehicle storage facility for park maintenance (reminder, this is the design phase, not construction)
- Dozens of hydro pole replacements along Merivale and Walkley Roads
- Road repaving for Carling (Merivale to Melrose)
- Final Design stage for the Airport Parkway widening

- Carlington Heights Pumping Station Expansion, aka the Carlington Reservoir. Work slated to commence in September.
- Culvert replacements, 1 on Sanford, 2 on Wilshire
- Project design/planning for integrated road, sewer, and water work on Apeldoorn Avenue between Meadowlands Drive East and Falaise Road, as well as Arnhem Street between Normandy Crescent and Greenbriar Avenue (construction expected in 2023)

## Donations to the Church

We are extremely fortunate at St Mark's that there are a number of people who use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). If you are not on PAR, we would encourage you to continue your donations. Of course, putting a cheque in the mail is always a great option for getting your donation to us. If you wish to make a donation by credit card, you may do so at CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>. you will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2020 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put into the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

## Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.



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**Comments and Suggestions**

If you have anything you would like to see in next week's newsletter, please email the church at [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca).